SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Sir, Jammu and Kashmir has always been a very high priority in the Ministry of Tourism. In fact in the Seventh Plan we have disbursed an amount of Rs. 237 lakhs to J&K. The amount released so far is of course only Rs. 112 lakhs because a lot of it has not been utilized, the things have not come in time. But Ladakh is a major proirity area and in all our marketing efforts abroad Ladakh is included.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जिस तरह से सिक्किम के लिए नई पालिसी बनाई गई है, उसी तरह से नागालैंड में भी कोई रास्ता खोलने का कोई सुझाव मंत्रालय के पास क्यों नहीं है। आज तक भी वहां टूरिस्ट ऐलान नहीं किए जाते ?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Sir, we are analysing the entire policy of opening up these restricted areas. Sikkim has been opened up ad we plan to open up other areas. We are discussing that with the Home Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid. Prof. Madhu Dandavate.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Sick and closed Textile Mills in Gujarat

*44. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a number of textile mills are sick and closed in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what is the number of textile mills that are closed in Gujarat because of sickness;

(c) what steps the Central Government are taking to re-open the closed textile Mills in Gujarat;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to provide relief to the unemployed workers of the closed textile mills; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):

(a) Yes Sr.

(b) 23 textile mills lying closed in Gujarat as on 31-12-89 were sick at the end of December, 87, as per RBI classification.

(c) Re-opening of a closed mill depends on its viability being established before Nodal Agency BIFR. They have been requested to take up cases of closed textile mills on priority basis. Re-opening of non-viable mills may not be possible.

(d) and (e) Government have set up a Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund to provide interim relief to workers rendered unemployed due to permanent closure of textile mills. Upto 1-6-90 an amount of Rs. 9.65 crores was provided to 5735 workers of 7 closed textile mills in Gujarat. The State Government was also advised to take measures for rehabilitation of the affected workers and to ensure payment of their dues.

Payment of Conveyance Allowance to Central Government Employees

*45. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consi-